

BOOK 33**VIRGINIA:**

At a continued meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County held at the Administration Building thereof on Monday, the 31st day of January, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at which the following members were present and absent:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT:	Ms. C. Tucker	ABSENT: None
	Mr. R. Curd	
	Mr. F. Campbell	
	Mr. D. Kidd (LATE)	

Ms. C. Tucker, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

IN RE: TOUR OF THE TRAIN STATION BUILDING

Two members of the Board of Supervisors, Claudia Tucker and Frank Campbell met at the train station building for a tour of the inside of the building.

IN RE: INTERVIEW DISTRICT 4 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR APPLICANTS

There were four applicants. Ms. Tucker explained the procedure to the applicants and then asked Mr. Swinton, Ms. Roberson and Mr. Harper to go the conference room until called. The Board then proceeded to interview Mr. David W. Pugh, Jr.

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Ms. Tucker asked Mr. Pugh to tell them a little about himself.

Mr. Pugh – Qualified voter and a District 4 resident, degree from Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Human Services, played professional football with the Indianapolis Colts. He thinks that with his experience have instilled in him qualities such as leadership, teamwork, discipline and communication all of which will readily transfer over to public service. He feels that he would be a great asset to the board because of his youth, life experiences and zeal for the job.

Mr. Campbell asked how he would like to be addressed.

Mr. Pugh – David please

Ms. Tucker – what do you consider the core obligations of county government?

Mr. Pugh – protect the property rights of citizens, provide good education and protect the citizens of district four and of the county

Mr. Campbell – what experience have you had with budgets?

Mr. Pugh – business budget and personal budget

Mr. Curd – will you be able to apply the time needed for the board seat or any other boards or committees?

Mr. Pugh – Yes, he is a stay at home parent and farmer and has his parents for the children if needed

Ms. Tucker – times are tight, do you have any ideas on how to increase resources?

Mr. Pugh – he thinks that more will be coming in from property taxes – money is not the answer – wants to keep the taxes lower – thinks Social Services needs to check their budget

Mr. Campbell – what major problems do you see?

Mr. Pugh – funding schools and road maintenance – does not see where the highway funds go

Mr. Curd – if not appointed, would you consider running for election in November?

Mr. Pugh – yes, he had been planning on doing this anyway

Mr. Kidd – why are you interested in serving on the Board of Supervisors?

Mr. Pugh – has had interest for some time – with involvement with comprehensive plan he found that he was complaining but not doing anything about it

Ms. Tucker – what are your views on development vs farm use or open space – are you a fan of planning and zoning?

Mr. Pugh – love the rural county but does not agree with taking people's rights away – would increase agriculture lot size

Mr. Campbell – what would you bring to the Board?

Mr. Pugh – he would be the youngest member of the Board, he's traveled a lot and always compared these places with Amherst County.

Mr. Kidd – What do you understand the role of county government to be?

Mr. Pugh – Protection private property rights, provide good education and protect the citizens

Ms. Tucker – what would your primary goal?

Mr. Pugh – protect the citizens of District 4

Mr. Campbell – do you have any government experience?

Mr. Pugh – No

Mr. Kidd – what help would you need for the first six months if appointed?

Mr. Pugh – he would watch others and listen to others – has open mind and would be willing to take advice from others

Jacob Swinton – 1997 Liberty graduate

Mr. Campbell asked how he would like to be addressed?

Mr. Swinton – Jacob

Ms. Tucker asked that he tell them about himself.

Mr. Swinton – bachelor of science degree criminal justice, Liberty University 1997 – presently works for Old Dominion Job Corps – belongs to a number of volunteer organizations – March of Dimes and Liberty Relay for Life, field sprint coach Liberty Christian Academy, involved in Ministry at Shekijah Preparation Assembly – married with four children

Ms. Tucker – what do you consider the core obligations of county government?

Mr. Swinton – set vision for county making sure resources are coming in and that citizens have places to go for enjoyment

Mr. Campbell – what experience have you had with budgets?

Mr. Swinton – he has had a small business for 9 years and he has to have budget to manage business

Mr. Curd – will you be able to apply the time needed for the board seat or any other boards or committees?

Mr. Swinton – none – would not have any problem with time

Mr. Kidd – why are you interested in serving on the Board of Supervisors?

Mr. Swinton – trying to find a way to look forward, county is so different than when he came here

Ms. Tucker – times are tight, do you have any ideas on how to increase resources?

Mr. Swinton – bring in companies with more jobs and at some point raise taxes

Mr. Campbell – what major problems do you see?

Mr. Swinton – he's a hard worker, experience in coordinating events and he brings energy to work hard

Mr. Curd – None

Mr. Kidd – what help would you need for the first six months if appointed?

Mr. Swinton – help from others

Ms. Tucker – what would your primary goal be?

Mr. Swinton – GIS for county property

Juanita Roberson

Mr. Campbell asked how she would like to be addressed?

Ms. Roberson – Juanita

Ms. Tucker asked that she tell them something about herself.

Ms. Roberson – She was born in Lynchburg and raised in Amherst County. She is a registered voter and resides in District 4 – She is a person that believes in giving back to her community. She feels that a position on the Board of Supervisors would allow her to expand her knowledge of the needs of the county while at the same time allowing her to offer her background experience and talents to assist in meeting those needs by representing District 4. Information Systems executive with 32 years in the data processing industry inclusive of 25 years in management and leadership positions. Extensive background in strategic and tactical planning, budgeting and project management.

Ms. Tucker – what do you consider the core obligations of county government?

Ms. Roberson – responsible to people of the county, management of resources for the people

Mr. Campbell – what experience have you had with budgets?

Ms. Roberson – Yes – 25 years – business create, managing and changing budget – chair of the finance committee for the church

Mr. Curd – will you be able to apply the time needed for the board seat or any other boards or committees?

Ms. Roberson – retired but does a lot of volunteering but she would make time

Mr. Kidd – why are you interested in serving on the Board of Supervisors?

Ms. Roberson – she is on various other committees and boards – she has skills that she would like to apply

Ms. Tucker – times are tight, do you have any ideas on how to increase resources?

Ms. Roberson – raising taxes would be difficult but if that's the only option but she would check the core obligations of the county and establish priorities first

Mr. Campbell – what major problems do you see?

Ms. Roberson – she use to sell for IBM

Mr. Curd – if not appointed, would you consider election in November?

Ms. Roberson – Do not know – this was her first experience and not sure how she would feel by then.

Mr. Kidd – what do you see is the key strength and resources to address problems?

Ms. Roberson – the people

Ms. Tucker – what are your views on development vs farm use or open space – are you a fan of planning and zoning?

Ms. Roberson – No problem with preservation – Money is not coming in from farm land and need to bring in commerce – It's up to people whether they want farm land or not

Mr. Campbell – what major problems do you see?

Ms. Roberson – She knows there problems, she would try to figure a way to bring in money

Mr. Curd – None

Mr. Kidd – what help would you need for the first six months if appointed?

Ms. Roberson – knowledge of what you do, knowledge of programs

Ms Tucker – what would your primary goal be?

Ms. Roberson – understand District 4 and where county stands today

Mr. Kidd – What do you understand the role of county government to be?

Ms. Roberson – Change, she has lived you all her life and she would like to see the County grow

Mr. Campbell – what would you bring to the Board?

Ms. Roberson – bubbly personality and a different way of looking at things

Asked if she had any questions for the Board

Ms. Roberson – when would the decision be made?

Ms. Tucker – hopefully by end of February 1 BOS meeting

Richard Harper

Mr. Campbell asked how he would like to be addressed?

Mr. Harper – Richard

Ms. Tucker asked him to tell the Board a little about himself.

Mr. Harper – Qualified voter in District 4 - lived in Amherst County all of his life – Graduated from Amherst County High School in 1964, Lynchburg College in 1994 with a B.S. in Management – served on the Amherst County Board of Supervisors and the Amherst County Planning Commission – three places of employment – Babcock and Wilcox – 23 years – Diebold – 4 years – VDOT – 13 years

Ms. Tucker - what do you consider the core obligations of county government?

Mr. Harper – providing services to citizens and primarily to district you represent

Campbell - what experience have you had with budgets?

Mr. Harper – on Board of Supervisors 1984-1987 none at work – went back to school – laid off at B&W at VDOT now – Lynchburg District Office – mainly keeping track of equipment on computer

Mr. Curd – will you be able to apply the time needed for the board seat or any other boards or committees?

Mr. Harper – No problem that he can think of

Kidd – why are you interested in serving on the Board of Supervisors?

Mr. Harper – wanted members to have a choice, he understands times or tight and he wants to serve the county

Ms. Tucker – times are tight, do you have any ideas on how to increase resources?

Mr. Harper – keep taxes as low as possible although sometimes you have to raise taxes – control spending and raise taxes as slow as possible – get value for what you spend don't start anything new.

Campbell – do you have any government experience?

Mr. Harper – trying to find location for landfill, Mill Creek Lake with Soil Conservation and 4th lake did not building, demolished old school and started this building, vocational wing to High School, set up 15 year highway plan and established the Service Authority

Curd – if not appointed, would you consider election in November?

Mr. Harper – had thought about running last time but yes he would

Mr. Kidd – what help would you need for the first six months if appointed?

Mr. Harper – information supplied for meetings

Ms. Tucker – what are your views on development vs farm use or open space – are you a fan of planning and zoning?

Mr. Harper – Raised and live on farm now – understand needs of farmer, does not particular like telling them what to do with their property – had set up land use tax to help farmers

Mr. Campbell – what major problems do you see?

Mr. Harper – lack of money to cover expenses – have not looked at budget – bypass best thing that ever happened – industrial park good – make jail good – roads are in good shape – landfill not sure

Mr. Curd – None

Mr. Kidd – what do you consider key strength and resources?

Mr. Harper – industrial parks and bypass – ideal for industry

Ms. Tucker – what would your primary goal be?

Mr. Harper – service needs of district 4, secondary rest of county

Mr. Campbell – what would you bring to the Board?

Mr. Harper – he would listen to what people say, not that out spoken but will not back down – he tries to get along with everyone.

On motion of Mr. Curd and with the following vote, the Board decided to think about it overnight and add to the beginning of February 1ST Board of Supervisors agenda.

AYE: Ms. C. Tucker, Mr. F. Campbell, Mr. R. Curd and Mr. D. Kidd

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Campbell and with the following vote, the Board adjourned.

AYE: Ms. C. Tucker, Mr. F. Campbell, Mr. R. Curd and Mr. D. Kidd

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

C. Lee Lintecum, County Administrator